

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

The title has been amended as suggested.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 4.

Without acceding to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103, independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 4 as well as intervening Claims 2 and 3 (all now cancelled). Also, Claim 6 has been amended to depend from Claim 1 and to recite further aspects of Applicant's invention. Claims 1, 5 and 6 are thus in condition for allowance.

New Claims 7-9 have been added to protect additional aspects of Applicant's invention. New independent Claim 8 is believed to be allowable in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 4.

Therefore, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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